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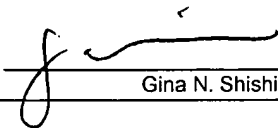
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Re: *SN 09/878,124 entitled "INHIBITORS OF C-REACTIVE PROTEIN INDUCED INFLAMMATION" by Edward T. H. Yeh et al.*
Our ref. UTSH:249US Client ref: UTH:258

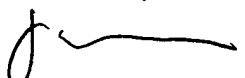
Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed the following for filing in the above-referenced patent application:

1. Amendment and Response to Final Office Action dated December 4, 2003; and
2. A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 09/878,124

Filed: June 8, 2001

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Vascular Inflammation

Group Art Unit: 1644

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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 4, 2003

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This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003 for which the three-month date for response is March 4, 2004.

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Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments in response to the Office Action begin on page 3 of this paper.